

MINUTES OF THE POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING OF MAY 24, 2006
(Approved July 26, 2006)

The Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Committee held their monthly meeting on May 24, 2006. Attending the meeting were Connie Megay, East Coventry Township; Bernard Gladioux, Jr., Douglass Township; Ralph Fluharty and Kurt Zebrowski, New Hanover Township; John Gambino, West Pottsgrove Township; Tom Troutman, Lower Pottsgrove Township; Elwood Taylor, Upper Pottsgrove Township; and Andy Paravis, North Coventry Township.

John Cover – Montgomery County Planning Commission
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Bonnie L. Frisco – Recording Secretary

Elaine Preston and Gail Brown – Members of the public

1. Welcome and Meeting Called to order.

Mr. Paravis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Review of April Minutes

Mrs. Megay moved to approve the April 26, 2006 minutes as amended. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried. Minutes to be amended by removing Mr. Preston's name from the attendees list.

Mrs. Megay moved to pay the bill for services to the Montgomery County Planning Commission. Mr. Troutman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

3. Old Business

Recording Secretary's Pay Structure

There was a brief discussion regarding the pay structure of the Recording Secretary. Mr. Paravis stated that North Coventry Township could open an account under North Coventry's Tax ID. Mr. Paravis and Mr. Jenschke will be signers on the account with a third party. Mrs. Megay moved to open the new bank account and have Mr. Fluharty as a third party signer when necessary. Mr. Zebrowski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Boyd Gaming Corporation

Mrs. Megay gave an update for Mr. Roland who attended the Boyd Gaming hearing. Mrs. Megay noted that Mr. Roland read a pared down version of the letter written by Mr. Paravis and Mr. Cover that was approved by the Committee.

Update on the May 22 Breakfast of the 5 Regional Planning Commissions

Mr. Paravis noted the group of representative from several regions discusses common issues like development. Mr. Paravis stated that it would be beneficial to establish such lines of communication between regions and discuss plans of impact and zoning issues. Mr. Paravis stated another meeting has been scheduled for June 12, 2006.

4. New Business

Regional WiFi Feasibility Fact Finding

There was a review of the memo presented by Mr. Paravis dated May 17, 2006 regarding WiFi. It was noted that a consortium should be formed to obtain the best contract regarding WiFi. Mr. Paravis will speak to North Coventry's solicitor regarding such issues.

Wal-Mart Expansion in Pottstown

There was a brief review of the Wal-Mart expansion plan. Two areas of concern were traffic improvements to Route 100 and pedestrian access. Mr. Cover will complete the appropriate form regarding these two issues for signature by Mr. Paravis.

Renninger Mixed-Use Development in New Hanover

There was a brief review of the Renninger mixed-use development in New Hanover. There was no comment.

WaWa Development in Pottstown

There was a review of the WaWa development in Pottstown on High Street near Armand Hammer Boulevard. There was traffic concerns, specifically in the area of Sunset Boulevard and Armand Hammer Boulevard. It was suggested that traffic signalization be investigated.

Chelsea Outlets in Limerick

There was a review of the Chelsea Outlets project in Limerick.

Mrs. Smith's Pies in Pottstown

There was a review of the Mrs. Smith's Pies townhouse development in Pottstown.

Village of Wynstone

There was a review of the Village of Wynstone mixed-use development in New Hanover.

Route 100 Corridor Study, Swamp Pike Corridor Study, and Uplan Land Use Planning Model - DVRPC

There was a discussion regarding the above transportation studies. Appropriate individuals from the DVRPC are to be invited to a Regional Planning Committee meeting to provide updates. Also, Susan Landis of the Chamber of Commerce can do a presentation regarding a Parks and Recreation Study at the July meeting.

5. Municipal Updates

Mr. Taylor noted that age-restricted housing and 150+ townhouse plus is proposed along Route 100.

Mr. Paravis noted that the Northern Federation Regional Resources Plan is completed and is available on North Coventry's website.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Troutman moved to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Megay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie L. Frisco
Recording Secretary